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SUBJECT: VICE PRESIDENT ROCKEFELLER'S VISIT A SUCCESS

1. VICE PRESIDENT ROCKEFELLER COMPLETED HIS HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL VISIT TO TAIPEI WITH A WARM SEND-OFF AND EXPRESSIONS OF APPRECIATION FROM HIGH-RANKING GROC OFFICIALS AT THE AIRPORT. PRESENT AT THE AIRPORT CEREMONY, AMONG OTHERS WAS FOREIGN MINISTER SHEN CHANG-HUAN.

2. IN INDIVIDUAL CONVERSATIONS WITH AMBASSADOR AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION, MADAME CHIANG, PRESIDENT YEN CHIA-KAN AND PREMIER CHIANG CHING- KUO ALL ASKED THAT THEIR APPRECIATION FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT'S VISIT BE CONVEYED TO THE USG. PRESIDENT YEN THANKED THE AMBASSADOR FOR THE "EFFORTS THAT HAD BEEN MADE TO CONVEY TO THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE HERE THE SYMPATHY OF THE UNITED STATES." WHILE EXPRESSING HIS SATISFACTION WITH THE VICE PRESIDENT AS HEAD OF THE U.S. DELEGATION TO HIS FATHER'S FUNERAL, THE PREMIER VOICED HIS "WARM THANKS FOR THE CONDOL- ENCE STATEMENT AND MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT" AND CHARACTERIZED THE VICE PRESIDENT'S ATTENDANCE AS INDICATING "CONTINUED FRIENDSHIP".

3. AS REPORTED REFTEL B THE LOCAL PRESS GAVE PROMINENT
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COVERAGE TO THE VICE PRESIDENT'S ACTIVITIES. THE

ENTIRE FUNERAL WAS REBROADCAST ON THE EVENING OF APRIL 16 ON ALL CHANNELS AND FILM CLIPS WERE ADDED TO THE ORIGINAL BROADCAST TO FURTHER HIGHLIGHT THE PRESENCE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT.

4. THE CHINA POST ON THE MORNING OF APRIL 17 CARRIED "THEIR PRESENCE IN OUR MIDST IN THIS SAD HOUR OF THE NATION'S HISTORY IS A COURSE OF GREAT COMFORT." THE CHINA NEWS FOUND "ESPECIALLY GRATIFYING" THE "SOLIDARITY SHOWN BY SUCH FRIENDS AS THE UNITED STATES...."

5. THE AFTERNOON TA HUA WAN PAO (THWP) ON APRIL 17 CARRIED THE FIRST CHINESE LANGUAGE EDITORIAL COMMENT ON THE US DELEGATION, OBSERVING THAT THE PRESENCE OF THE DELEGATION AGAIN PROVED THAT THE US ATTACHES IMPORTANCE TO THE US-ROC ALLIANCE AND FRIENDSHIP (MENG I 4145-6146). IT ADDED, "AS A PRIVATE NEWSPAPER WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK THEM (THE US DELEGATION) ALL." COMMENTING ON SENATOR GOLDWATER'S STATEMENT THAT HE HAD RECOMMENDED PRESIDENT FORD VISIT THE ROC, THEN EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT "SUMMIT WOULD COME TRUE AT AN EARLY DATE." UNGER

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